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SUBJECT: CLOSURE OF EMBASSY

1. AF/E DIRECTOR COOTE INFORMED UGANDAN CHARGE MWANGAGUHUNGA THAT CHARGE KEELEY HAD DELIVERED NOTE THIS MORNING TO UGANDAN FONMIN NOTIFYING GOU THAT USG WAS WITHDRAWING ITS DIPLOMATIC AND CONSULAR REPS FROM KAMPALA BECAUSE THEY NO LONGER ABLE TO CONDUCT DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS EFFECTIVELY IN UGANDA. AT SAME TIME COOTE POINTED OUT THAT NOTE ALSO MADE IT CLEAR THAT OUR ACTION DID NOT CONSTITUTE BREAK IN RELATIONS AND WE HAD NO INTENTION OF ASKING GOU TO CLOSE ITS EMBASSY HERE. AF/E DIRECTOR INDICATED TO MWANGAGUHUNGA THAT DEPT. WOULD BE PLEASED SEE UGANDAN MISSION IN WASHINGTON REMAIN OPEN.

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2. UGANDAN CHARGE SAID HIS GOVT HAD ALREADY INFORMED HIM

OF US DECISION BY TELEPHONE EARLIER THIS MORNING. GOU WAS CURRENTLY IN PROCESS OF DECIDING WHETHER TO TAKE RECIPROCAL ACTION. ALTHOUGH HE COULD NOT BE CERTAIN WHAT DECISION WOULD BE, HE WAS INCLINED TO BELIEVE THAT HE WOULD BE INSTRUCTED TO CLOSE MISSION. HE EXPECTED HEAR FURTHER FROM GOU BY MORNING NOV. 9 AT LATEST.

3. AF/E DIRECTOR ALSO INFORMED AMB. IBINGIRA IN NEW YORK OF OUR ACTION. AT SAME TIME TOLD HIM OF NOTE WHICH UGANDAN FONMIN HAD DELIVERED TO CHARGE KEELEY RE THREATS AND HARRASSMENT WHICH UGANDAN MISSION TO UN REPORTEDLY RECEIVING. (KAMPALA 3337). COOTE EXPRESSED REGRET FOR PROBLEM AND SAID IT WAS HIS UNDERSTANDING THAT ACTION HAS

BEEN TAKEN TO PROVIDE BETTER PROTECTION. IBINGIRA REPLIED THAT ADDITIONAL PROTECTION HAD BEEN PROVIDED AND SITUATION NOW IMPROVED, FOR WHICH HE WAS GRATEFUL. HE WAS ALSO APOLOGETIC FOR REPORTING PROBLEM TO KAMPALA, STATING THAT HE HAD NO DESIRE TO CREATE PROBLEMS BETWEEN OUR TWO GOVERNMENTS. RUSH

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